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BIG THE CAT AND FROGGY

PRINCESS SALLY ACORN
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS

QUEEN HATHOR
LEADER OF THE FELIDAE

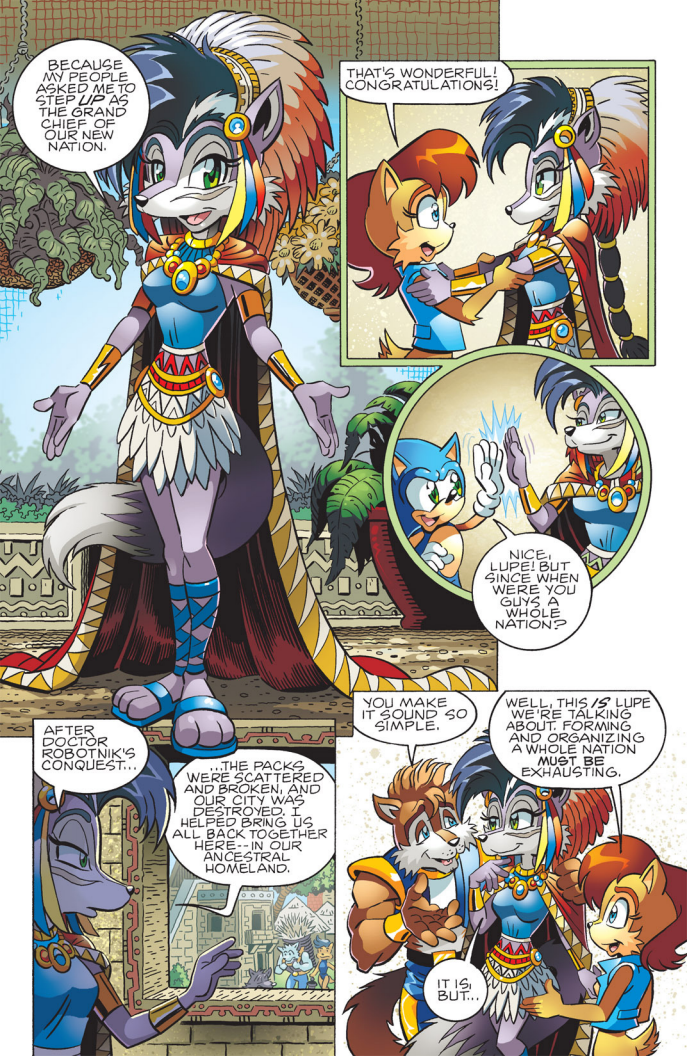
LUPE WOLF
WOLF PACK LEADER

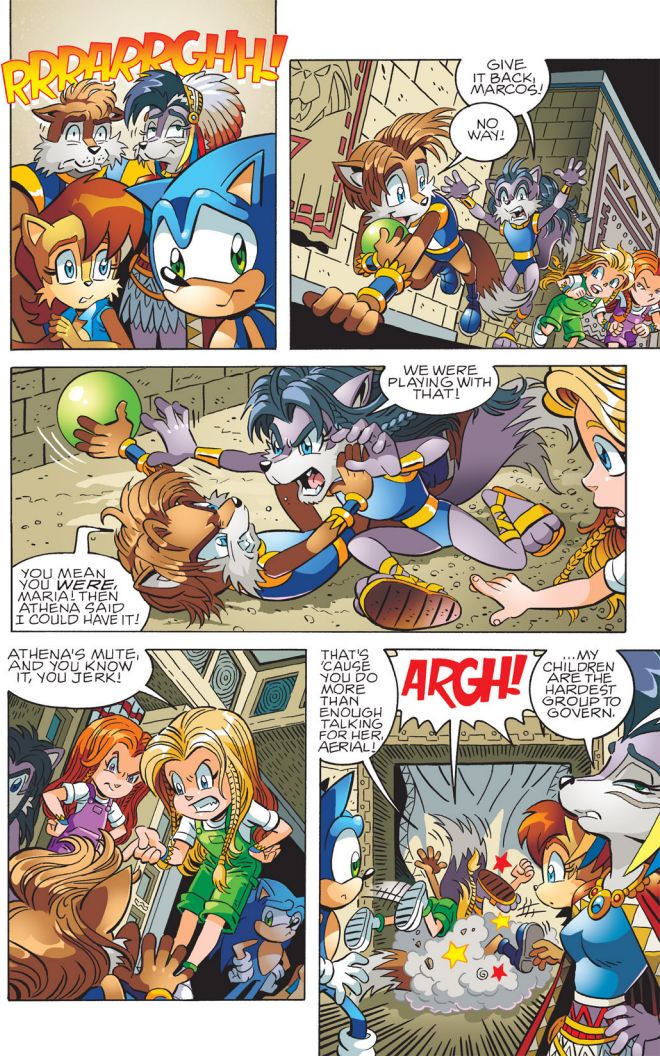
TRESPASSERS TO THE PAI'S MISTERIOSO ARE NEVER WELCOME.
AH, BUT I'M NO TRES-PASSER.
I WAS INVITED BY MY BUDDY BIG HERE!
THE HEATHEN WHO LIVES ON THE OUTSKIRTS AND ASSOCIATES WITH FILTHY OUT-SIDERS?
YUP.
LOOK, LADY... I'M NOT HERE TO CAUSE TROUBLE. I'M HERE ON A MISSION OF MERCY.
AND TO GET THE "ANCIENT ONYX."
SO IT IS YOU WHO STOLE THE SACRED ARTIFACT! THE ANCIENT ONYX WAS OURS SINCE THE FORGOTTEN WARS! IT IS THE BIRTHRIGHT OF OUR PEOPLE! ITS LEGENDARY POWER IS OURS!
SORRY.
NOT WHAT SHE NEEDED TO HEAR RIGHT NOW, BUDDY.

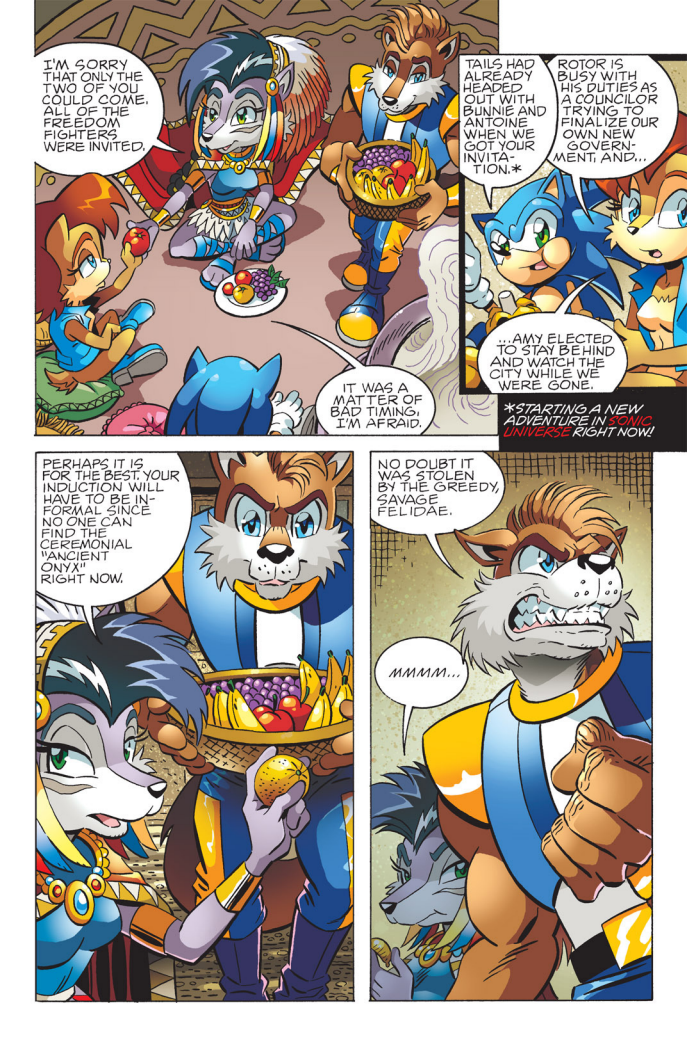
LOOK, YOUR REGAL-NESS, IT'S LIKE THIS...
SILENCE! THE FELIDAE DO NOT LISTEN TO THE LIES OF OUT-SIDERS.
WE WILL, HOWEVER, ABIDE WORDS FROM THE TRAITOR! BRING US A RECOUNTER!
WHAT'S WITH THE SUDDEN GAME OF DRESS-UP?
IT IS OUR WAY. WE USE OUR DRESS TO BECOME OUR STATION. OUR RANK. OUR VERY IDENTITIES. THIS ONE WAS BUT A LOWLY FISHERMAN...
...BUT NOW HE IS A STATELY RECOUNTER OF THE TRUTH!
!
SPROING!
RIBBIT!

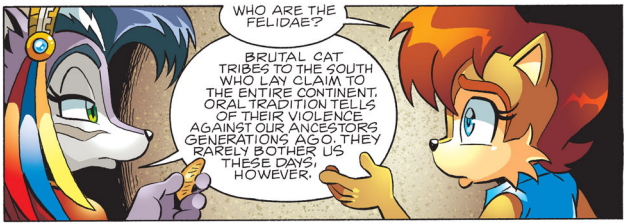
UH...
WELL, LUCKY FOR US, I CAME DRESSED AS THE RECOUNTER'S INTERPRETER.
OH, VERY WELL. SPEAK.
"ACCORDING TO, UH, BIG ...AHEM... PRINCESS SALLY AND I FLEW DOWN AND LANDED JUST NORTH OF HERE A FEW HOURS AGO.
"WE HAD BEEN INVITED DOWN SO WE COULD BECOME HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE WOLF PACK."

AND SO...
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, CANIS!
HAPPY TO SEE YOU ARE WELL, PRINCESS!
LONG TIME, NO SEE, L-L-L-L-LYCO?
LIKE I SAID --LONG TIME, NO SEE.
LEETA.
SHE'S MY IDENTICAL TWIN. WE GET THAT A LOT.
PLEASE COME THIS WAY. THE CHIEF IS EAGER TO SEE YOU.
DITTO!
IT'S BEEN JUST AS LONG SINCE WE LAST SAW--
--LOBO ?
WE'RE GLAD TO SEE YOU, TOO. OF COURSE, BUT...
BUT YOU'RE CONFUSED. IT'S ALL RIGHT. Y'SEE, BEFORE I WAS ROBOTICIZED, I WAS THIS PACK'S CHIEF.
I TOOK BACK THAT TITLE WHEN MY WIFE STEPPED DOWN.
"STEPPED DOWN"? SINCE WHEN DID LUPE "STEP DOWN" FROM ANYTHING?
WHY WOULD SHE DO THAT?


BECAUSE MY PEOPLE ASKED ME TO STEP UP AS THE GRAND CHIEF OF OUR NEW NATION.
THAT'S WONDERFUL! CONGRATULATIONS!
NICE, LUPE! BUT SINCE WHEN WERE YOU GUYS A WHOLE NATION?
YOU MAKE IT SOUND SO SIMPLE.
WELL, THIS IS LUPE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. FORMING AND ORGANIZING A WHOLE NATION MUST BE EXHAUSTING.
IT IS, BUT...
AFTER DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S CONQUEST...
...THE PACKS WERE SCATTERED AND BROKEN, AND OUR CITY WAS DESTROYED. I HELPED BRING US ALL BACK TOGETHER HERE--IN OUR ANCESTRAL HOMELAND.

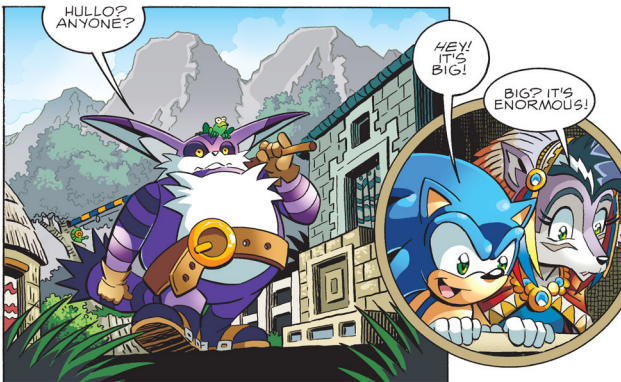

RRRHARRGHH!
GIVE IT BACK, MARCOS!
NO WAY!
WE WERE PLAYING WITH THAT!
YOU MEAN YOU *WERE*, MARIA! THEN ATHENA SAID I COULD HAVE IT!
ATHENA'S MUTE, AND YOU KNOW IT, YOU JERK!
THAT'S 'CAUSE YOU DO MORE THAN ENOUGH TALKING FOR HER, AERIAL!
ARGH!
...MY CHILDREN ARE THE HARDEST GROUP TO GOVERN.

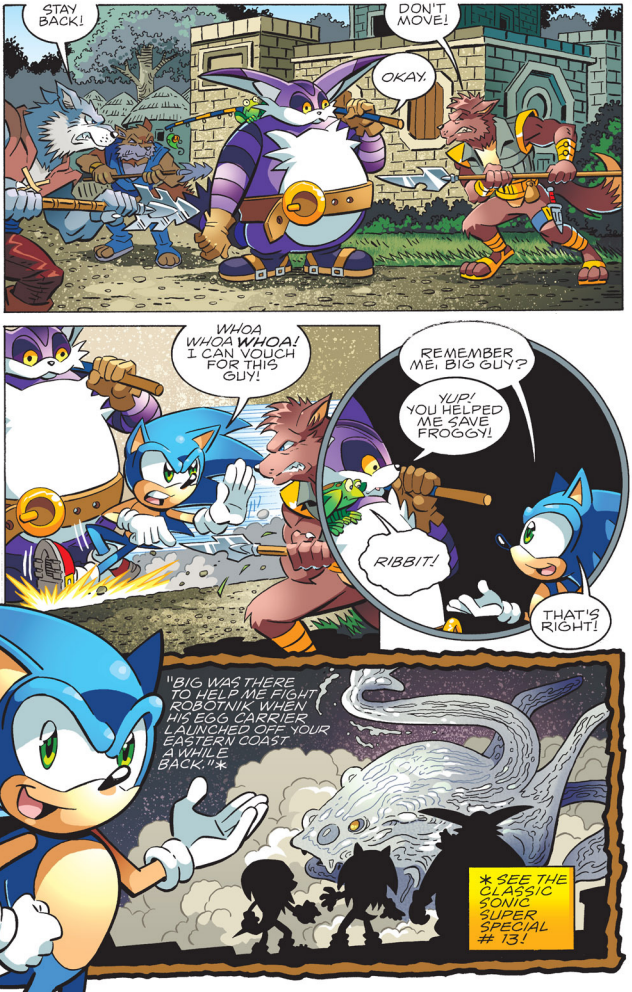

I'M SORRY THAT ONLY THE TWO OF YOU COULD COME. ALL OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE INVITED.
IT WAS A MATTER OF BAD TIMING, I'M AFRAID.
TAILS HAD ALREADY HEADED OUT WITH BUNNIE AND ANTOINE WHEN WE GOT YOUR INVITATION.*
ROTOR IS BUSY WITH HIS DUTIES AS A COUNCILOR TRYING TO FINALIZE OUR OWN NEW GOVERNMENT, AND...
...AMY ELECTED TO STAY BEHIND AND WATCH THE CITY WHILE WE WERE GONE.
*STARTING A NEW ADVENTURE IN SONIC UNIVERSE RIGHT NOW!
PERHAPS IT IS FOR THE BEST. YOUR INDUCTION WILL HAVE TO BE INFORMAL SINCE NO ONE CAN FIND THE CEREMONIAL "ANCIENT ONYX" RIGHT NOW.
NO DOUBT IT WAS STOLEN BY THE GREEDY, SAVAGE FELIDAE.
MMMM...

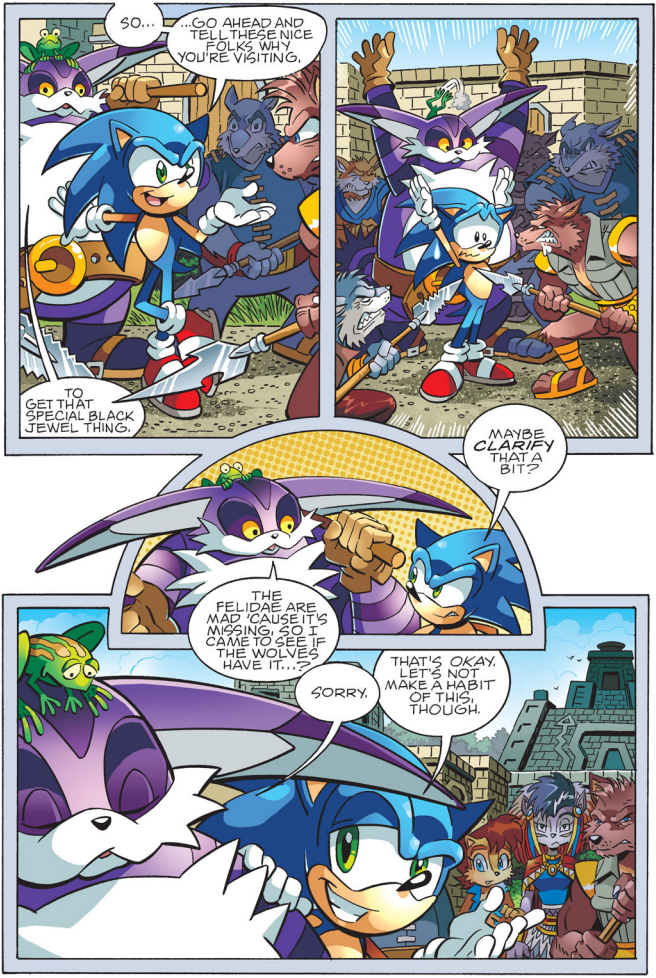

WHO ARE THE FELIDAE?
BRUTAL CAT TRIBES TO THE SOUTH WHO LAY CLAIM TO THE ENTIRE CONTINENT. ORAL TRADITION TELLS OF THEIR VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR ANCESTORS GENERATIONS AGO. THEY RARELY BOTHER US THESE DAYS, HOWEVER.

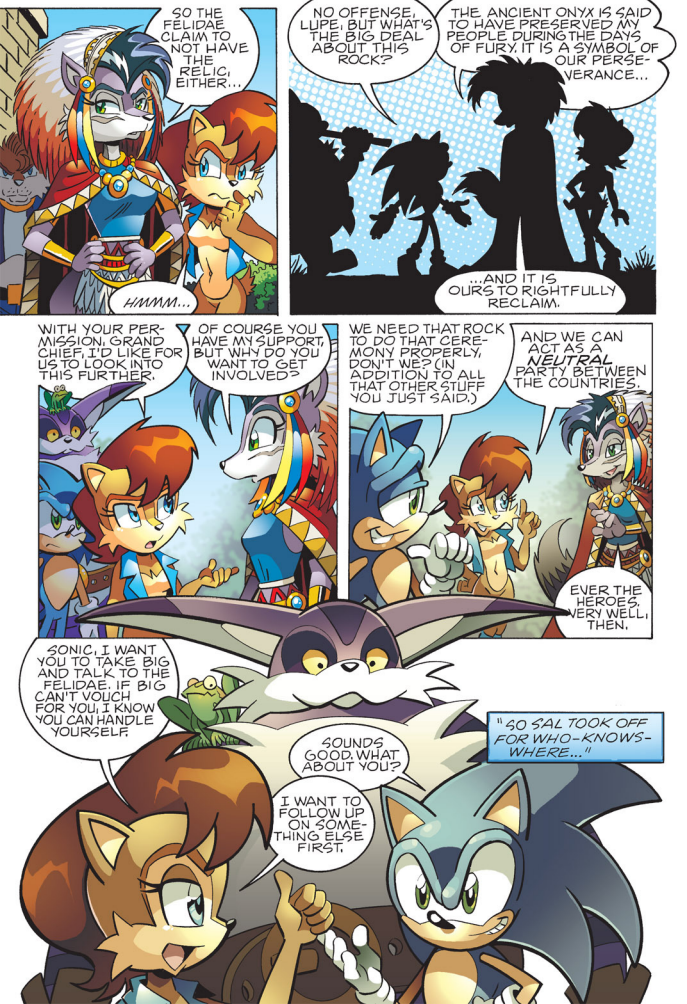
MOM! MOM! FELIDAE WARRIOR!
HE'S MARCHING RIGHT INTO THE CITY!

WHO WOULD DARE TO INVADE US ALONE?


HULLO? ANYONE?
HEY! IT'S BIG!
BIG? IT'S ENORMOUS!


STAY BACK!
DON'T MOVE!
OKAY.
WHOA WHOA WHOA! I CAN VOUCH FOR THIS GUY!
REMEMBER ME, BIG GUY?
YUP! YOU HELPED ME SAVE FROGGY!
RIBBIT!
THAT'S RIGHT!
"BIG WAS THERE TO HELP ME FIGHT ROBOTNIK WHEN HIS EGG CARRIER LAUNCHED OFF YOUR EASTERN COAST A WHILE BACK."*
* SEE THE CLASSIC SONIC SUPER SPECIAL # 13!


SO...
...GO AHEAD AND TELL THESE NICE FOLKS WHY YOU'RE VISITING.
TO GET THAT SPECIAL BLACK JEWEL THING.
MAYBE CLARIFY THAT A BIT?
THE FELIDAE ARE MAD 'CAUSE IT'S MISSING, SO I CAME TO SEE IF THE WOLVES HAVE IT...?
SORRY.
THAT'S OKAY. LET'S NOT MAKE A HABIT OF THIS, THOUGH.


SO THE FELIDAE CLAIM TO NOT HAVE THE RELIC, EITHER...
HMMM...
NO OFFENSE, LUPE, BUT WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT THIS ROCK?
THE ANCIENT ONYX IS SAID TO HAVE PRESERVED MY PEOPLE DURING THE DAYS OF FURY. IT IS A SYMBOL OF OUR PERSEVERANCE...
...AND IT IS OURS TO RIGHTFULLY RECLAIM.
WITH YOUR PERMISSION, GRAND CHIEF, I'D LIKE FOR US TO LOOK INTO THIS FURTHER.
OF COURSE YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT, BUT WHY DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED?
WE NEED THAT ROCK TO DO THAT CEREMONY PROPERLY, DON'T WE? (IN ADDITION TO ALL THAT OTHER STUFF YOU JUST SAID.)
AND WE CAN ACT AS A NEUTRAL PARTY BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES.
EVER THE HEROES. VERY WELL, THEN.
SONIC, I WANT YOU TO TAKE BIG AND TALK TO THE FELIDAE. IF BIG CAN'T VOUCH FOR YOU, I KNOW YOU CAN HANDLE YOURSELF.
SOUNDS GOOD. WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON SOMETHING ELSE FIRST.
"SO SAL TOOK OFF FOR WHO-KNOWS-WHERE..."

...AND THEN WE RAN INTO YOUR WELCOMING COMMITTEE. THE END!
OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THE FANCY-PANTS RECOUNTER SAYS, RIGHT?
OH,
YUP.
HMMM... IF THIS IS ALL TRUE, THEN WHERE IS YOUR PRINCESS?
HONESTLY, YOUR QUEEN-SHIP...

"...I HAVE NO IDEA..."
UNLESS I'M LOST. THIS SHOULD BE...
...THE RUINS OF THE FAILED ECHIDNAOPOLIS COLONY.
"ACCORDING TO KNUCKLES, THIS IS WHERE HIS DISTANT ANCESTORS FIRST TRIED TO SETTLE BEFORE MOVING ON AND REACHING WHAT WOULD BECOME ANGEL ISLAND.
"BUT THEY CAME INTO CONFLICT WITH THE FELIDAE...
"...AND THEN CHAOS."
THIS IS A PLACE OF SO MUCH LOSS ...AND SO MUCH MEANING.

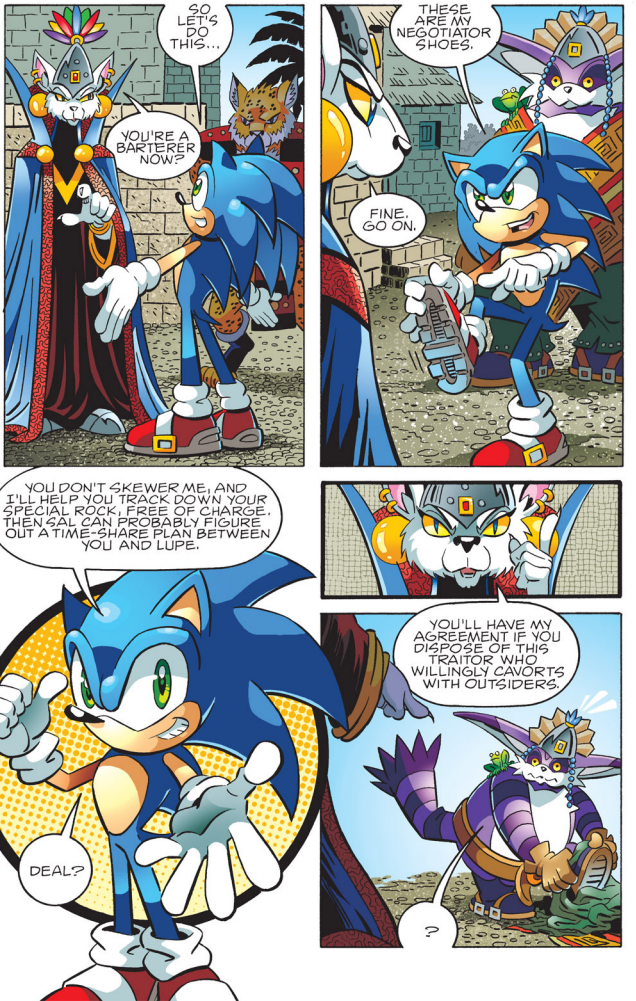
THE FELIDAE AND WOLF PACK ARE MEETING AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HUNDREDS OF YEARS...
THEN AN ANCIENT ARTIFACT SACRED TO BOTH OF THEM SUDDENLY VANISHES...
...PITTING THE TWO STRONGEST FORCES IN THE REGION AGAINST EACH OTHER.
THAT'S TOO COINCIDENTAL FOR ME.
IF SOMEONE IS ORCHESTRATING THIS, WHAT BETTER HIDING PLACE THAN...
...BINGO!

ANOTHER CHAPTER OF THE DARK EGG LEGION!
THIS CLINCHES IT--THE EGGMAN EMPIRE IS TRYING TO INSTIGATE A WAR HERE!
THE FELIDAE PROBABLY WOULDN'T ENTER THIS FAR INTO THE RUINS, BECAUSE IT'S TABOO!
THE WOLF PACK NATION CAN'T, BECAUSE IT'S BLOCKED OFF BY THE BORDERS OF THE PAÍS MISTERIOSO.
MAYBE WITH THIS NEWS I CAN AT LEAST BROKER TEMPORARY PEACE BETWEEN THEM AND...
HEY THERE, PRINCESS. OUT SIGHT-SEEING?
DRAGO?!

GET BACK HERE!
THIS IS NOT THE TIME OR THE PLACE FOR A FIGHT!
D'OH!
AND NOW I WISH I'D BROUGHT SONIC ALONG.
I DIDN'T THINK HE'D HAVE THE PATIENCE TO QUIETLY SNEAK AROUND WITH ME...
...HIS HELP NOW!
WHO...?!
...BUT I SURE COULD USE...

GET HER, RAZORKLAW!
SHRIIP!
NOT ME, YOU IDIOT!
OOPS...
I-I-I MEAN, MOVE!
SHRIIP!
RARR RRRA RRRG GHHH!
OH, NO...

YEAH! FEAST YOUR EYES ON THE NEW AND IMPROVED GRAND-MASTERS OF THE DARK EGG LEGION!
...AS IF THIS SITUATION WASN'T BAD ENOUGH ALREADY...
HA! NOWHERE TO RUN TO NOW, SWEETHEART!
WHAT'S IT GONNA BE?


SO, LET'S DO THIS...
YOU'RE A BARTERER NOW?
THESE ARE MY NEGOTIATOR SHOES.
FINE. GO ON.
YOU DON'T SKEWER ME, AND I'LL HELP YOU TRACK DOWN YOUR SPECIAL ROCK, FREE OF CHARGE. THEN SAL CAN PROBABLY FIGURE OUT A TIME-SHARE PLAN BETWEEN YOU AND LUPE.
DEAL?
YOU'LL HAVE MY AGREEMENT IF YOU DISPOSE OF THIS TRAITOR WHO WILLINGLY CAVORTS WITH OUTSIDERS.
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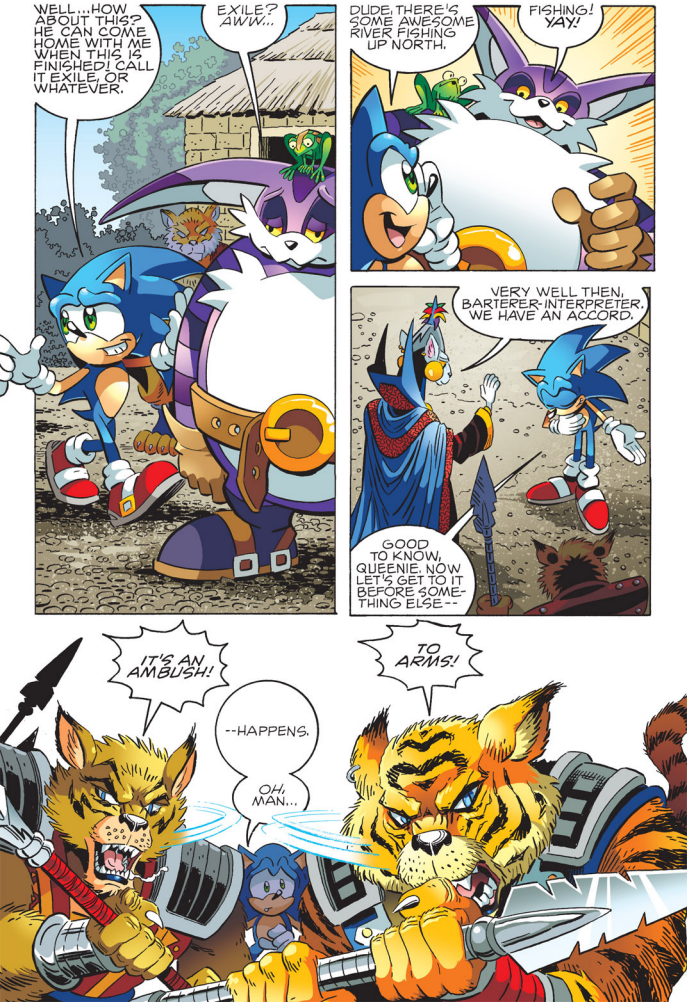
WELL...HOW ABOUT THIS? HE CAN COME HOME WITH ME WHEN THIS IS FINISHED! CALL IT EXILE, OR WHATEVER.
EXILE? AWW...
DUDE, THERE'S SOME AWESOME RIVER FISHING UP NORTH.
FISHING! YAY!
VERY WELL THEN, BARTERER-INTERPRETER. WE HAVE AN ACCORD.
GOOD TO KNOW, QUEENIE. NOW LET'S GET TO IT BEFORE SOMETHING ELSE--
IT'S AN AMBUSH!
--HAPPENS.
OH, MAN...
TO ARMS!

HAS TIME *REALLY* RUN OUT FOR *PEACE*-- AND *PRINCESS SALLY*? CAN *SONIC* SAVE THE DAY *THIS TIME*? OR WILL *SACRIFICES* HAVE TO BE MADE? COME BACK *NEXT TIME* FOR THE *THRILLING CONCLUSION!*

SONIC-GRAMS FAN ART

FAN FUNNIES!

Julie D.
Colorado

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DON'T MESS WITH SONIC OR YOU'LL FILLET ON YOUR PLATE!
I'LL JUST GO OUT WITH A BANG!
I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY!
I'M SORRY, I'M COMING, NOW!
HI, GUYS!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
YOUR DREADLOCKS ARE IN THE TACO! HA HA HA!
HA HA HA!
YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THIS, SONIC!
WHAT?!
THIS IS GOOOOD, GOING ON YOUTUBE!
EAT!

by Melody S. from New York

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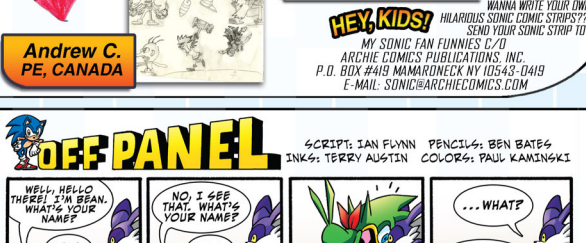
WELL, HELLO THERE! I'M BEAN. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
BIG.
NO, I SEE THAT. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
BIG.
LOOK! IF YOU WENT TO SOME OFFICE AND HAD TO FILL OUT AN OFFICIAL-FORM-THINGIE AND YOU GOT TO THE PART AT THE TOP WHERE IT HAS THE LINE WHERE YOU PUT YOUR NAME WHAT WOULD YOU WRITE ON THAT LINE?!
...WHAT?
FORGET IT.

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Dear Sonic Grams,
I LOVE Sonic and I have a few questions.

We get that a lot :)

1) How can I get the Sonic Super Specials?

You've got 3 options: you could dig through back issue bins at your local comic shop, you could pick up the SONIC SELECT graphic novel series featuring digitally restored selections from the Super Specials (order now @ archiecomics.com!), or you could click your heels three times and say "there's no place like Super Specials, there's no place like Super Specials..." - I would recommend picking up the SONIC SELECT graphic novels, though!

2) Which comic did Sonic & Sally break up in?

The most monumental split of the Son/Sal romance has to be Sonic #134 featuring the infamous "slap heard 'round Mobius." Quite upsetting.

3) Are you going to make a Sonic movie?

Sonic has already had his very own movie! 1996's "Sonic the Movie" is a pretty wild anime featuring the blue blur and a bunch of his best buds!

Well, I'm sure I'll write again. OUT!

Ally G.
from Louisiana

Thanks Ally!

Dear Sonic Grams,
I am a big fan of Sonic the Hedgehog and just wanted to tell you guys that the comics are AWESOME! I've only read the first ones in Sonic Archives Vol's 1-8. Are there going to be more Sonic Archives? Or did the series end? But here's where I'm going to end my letter - BYE!

c/o Lisa M.
from Montana

Sonic Archives will be back with a vengeance this July with Volume 13 - the pulse-pounding conclusion to the ENDGAME saga! Pre-order your copy @ archiecomics.com today!

Dear Sonic Grams,
Nice work on issue #209. It's a good thing Nicole is alright! Also nice job on Uncle Chuck, Tracy - he looks cool. I think that in the off-panel strip it was cool to see Cream the Rabbit. I hope you guys can tell me how old Sonic and the others were at the beginning of the series and how old they are now.

From BIG Sonic fan,
Patrick P.
from Oregon

*Well well well, if it isn't our old friend Patrick! Patrick always has awesome questions for Sonic Grams; thanks for staying vigilant! Anyway, yeah #209 is one of my favorite issues too! Seeing Cream in Off-panel was kinda cool. Wouldn't it be awesome if she showed up in the comics more? *ahem**

Well, in regard to the characters' ages, Sonic was 8 when he first started whooping Robotnik's rather large behind and is currently in his late teens. The other characters are roughly Sonic's age, some a little older like Rotor and some, like Tails, a little younger.

Dear Sonic Grams,
I haven't read many of the Sonic comics; I started at issue #210. I'm wondering will Knuckles be in the comic more?

Your #1 fan,
Kyle C.
from Vermont

Welcome aboard, Kyle! You want a sweet Knux story? Pick up Sonic Universe Arc #3 "Echoes of the Past"!

MESSAGE BOARD POST OF THE MONTH:
"The monkey is smooth, ladies and gentlemen."

Posted by Bluestreak on the BUMBLEKING forums, referring to the playa-tude of one Mr. Ken "Monkey" Khan.

Well said, my friend. Well said.

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